GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Revenue Department – Sri.P.Tirumala Rao, former Tahsildar, Ungutur and presently retired as Tahsildar, Chatrai Mandal, Krishna District - Initiation of disciplinary proceedings under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Articles of charge - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 309 Dated: 07-06-2021

Read:

G.O.Ms.No.118, Revenue (Vigilance-I) Department, dt:07.06.2021.

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O R D E R:

In pursuance to the G.O read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri.P.Tirumala Rao, former Tahsildar, Ungutur and presently retired as Tahsildar, Chatrai Mandal, Krishna District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure- I). A statement of imputations of misconduct / misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexures-III & IV).

3. Sri.P.Tirumala Rao, former Tahsildar, Ungutur and presently retired as Tahsildar, Chatrai Mandal, Krishna District is directed to submit, within 10 days from the date of receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri.P.Tirumala Rao, former Tahsildar, Ungutur and presently retired as Tahsildar, Chatrai Mandal, Krishna District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri.P.Tirumala Rao, former Tahsildar, Ungutur and presently retired as Tahsildar, Chatrai Mandal, Krishna District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri.P.Tirumala Rao, former Tahsildar, Ungutur and presently retired as Tahsildar, Chatrai Mandal, Krishna District is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri.P.Tirumala Rao, former Tahsildar, Ungutur and presently retired as Tahsildar , Chatrai Mandal, Krishna District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the Order be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V.USHARANI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri. P.Tirumala Rao, former Tahsildar, Ungutur and presently retired as Tahsildar, Chatrai Mandal, Krishna District (through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P.,Vijayawada.)

Copy to:

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada (with a request to serve the order on the individual and furnish served copy of this G.O. within a week).

Copy to:-

The District Collector, West Godavari District, Eluru.
The District Colletor, Krishna District, Machilipatnam.
S.F./S.C.

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P. TIRUMALA RAO, FORMER TAHSILDAR, UNGUTURU AND PRESENTLY RETIRED AS TAHSILDAR, CHATRAI MANDAL KRISHNA DISTRICT.

Article of charge-I:-

That, Sri Epicherla Gangadhar, S/o Veeraswamy, H.P.C. Colony, Nachugunta Village, Unguturu Mandal has filed a petition before Hon'ble Lokayukia and stated that some people belonging to B.C. Community in Nachugunta village are being issued S.T. Caste Certificates and requested to take action against the persons concerned, on which, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Eluru and the Tahsildar, Unguturu have conducted enquiry and submitted report. The case has been referred to the District Level Scrutiny Committee under the Chairmanship of the Joint Collector, West Godavari, Eluru as per G.O.Ms.No.58. Social Welfare Department (J2), dt: 12.05.1997 and the District Level Scrutiny Committee examined the report of the enquiry conducted by the Revenue Officials and it was referred to the Commissioner, Tribal Welfare Department, Vijayawada for examination of the anthropological and ethnological traits, deities, rituals, customs, etc. of the claimants, i.e., Chirapu Venkateswara Rao and others. Accordingly, the Director, Tribal Welfare, Vijayawada has appointed a team of officers to conduct a detailed enquiry and they have conducted enquiry and submitted report. Taking into consideration of all the above, the District Level Scrutiny Committee, West Godavari has unanimously recommended for cancellation of ST Caste certificates and the District Collector has issued Orders for cancellation of 26 ST Caste Certificates vide W.G. Collector's R.Dis.No.C3/e-8556/2015, dt:31.01.2018. Out of which, Sri P. Tirumala Ran, former Tahsildar, Unguturu and presently retired as Tahsildar, Chatrai Mandal, Krishna District had issued ST Caste Certificates to the following persons, who does not belong to ST Community without conducting proper enquiry.

Sl. No.	Application No	Applicant Name	Father Name	Application date	Caste Category. Caste Claimed
1	CGC0414581574	CHIRAPU VENKATESWARARAO	CHIRAPU MALLAYYA	20/04/2014	ST Yerukulas
2	CGC0414586437	PENDRA BHAVANI PRASAD	PENDRA ANTIRAJU	21/04/2014	ST Yerukulas

Being a responsible Officer, Sri P. Tirumala Rao, former Tahsildar, Unguturu and presently retired as Tahsildar, Chatrai Mandal, Krishna District had issued false ST Caste certificates to the above 2 individuals without conducting proper enquiry. This shows his gross negligence in discharging the legitimate duties and this caused much inconvenience and embarrassing situation to the District Administration.

Thus, Sri P. Tirumala Rao, former Tahsildar, Unguturu and presently retired as Tahsildar, Chatrai Mandal, Krishna District, by his above mentioned acts, has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government servant and thereby contravened under Rule 3 of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE — II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P. TIRUMALA RAO, FORMER TAHSILDAR, UNGUTURU AND PRESENTLY RETIRED AS TAHSILDAR, CHATRAI MANDAL, KRISHNA DISTRICT.

Sri Epicherla Gangadhar, S/o Veeraswamy, H.P.C. Colony, Nachugunta Village. Ungututuru Mandal has filed a petition before the Hon'ble Lokayukta and stated that some people belong to B.C. Community in Nachugunta village are being issued S.T. Caste Certificates and requested to take action against the persons concerned. In this connection, the Hon'ble Lokayukta, Hyderabad directed to submit the action taken report on the authority concerned who issued bogus ST Caste Certificate. In compliance with the orders of the Hon'ble Lokayukta and to finalize the allegations made by the complainant, Sri E.Gangadhar, Nachugunta (v), Ungututuru Mandal, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Eluru and the Tahsildar, Ungututuru have conducted enquiry and report submitted.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Lokayukta, the case has been referred to the District Level Scrutiny Committee under the Chairmanship of the Joint Collector, West Godavari, Eluru as per G.O.Ms.No.58, Social Welfare Department (J2), dt: 12.05.1997 and the District. Level Scrutiny Committee met and examined the report of the enquiry conducted by the Revenue Officials and it was referred to the Commissioner, Tribal Welfare Department, Govt. of A.P.,Vijayawada for examination of the anthropological and ethnological traits, deities, rituals, customs, mode of marriage, death ceremonies/method of burial of dead bodies, etc., of the claimants, i.e., Chirapu Venkateswara Rao and others. Accordingly, the Director, Tribal Welfare, Vijayawada has appointed a team of officers to conduct a detailed enquiry and the team of Officers have visited Nachugunta (V) of Ungututuru (M), conducted enquiry and submitted report stated that as below.

1. They are speaking some dialect, which is not exactly Yerukula dialect -Kurru.
2. They are styling themselves as Yerukula bu•Other people call them as Manduloilu.
3. They may be belong to Mandula cormaunity which is included in BC list.

Taking into consideration of all the above, the District Level Scrutiny Committee, West Godavari has unanimously recommended for cancellation of Caste certificates and the District Collector has issued Orders for cancellation of 26 ST Caste Certificates vide W.G. Collector's R.Dis.No.C3/e-8556/2015, dt:31.01.2018 in exercise of powers conferred by the Government u/s 5(1) of the AP (SC, ST and BC) Regulation of issue of Community, Nativity and Date of Birth Certificates Act 16 of 1993 read with Rule 9(7) of AP (SC, ST & BC) Issue of Community, Nativity and Date of Birth Certificate Rules, 1997, communicated in G.O.Ms.No.58, Social Welfare Department (J2), dated 12.05.1997 and orders have been communicated to the claimants and the then District Collector, West Godavari, Eluru has directed the then Tahsildar, Ungututuru to take necessary action under Section 10 of the. AP (SC, ST and BCs) Regulation of issue of Community, Nativity and Date of Birth Certificates, Act 16 Of 1993 read with Rule 15(a) and 15(b) of AP (SC ST and BC) Regulation of issue of Community, Nativity and Date of Birth Certificate Rules 1997 by filing criminal case against Sri Chirapu Venkateswara Rao, Sio Chirapu Mallayya and 11 others, Ungututuru Village and Mandal for obtaining false ST Caste certificates as 'ST Yerukula'. The Hontle Lokayuktha, Hyderabad has directed the District Collector, West Godavari, Eluru to submit the action taken report on the Tahsildars, Ungututuru, who had issued the fake Certificates to ineligible persons and against the persons who fraudulently secured such ST Caste certificates.

In this connection, it has come to the notice of the District Administration that Sri P. Tirumala Rao, former Tahsildar, Ungututuru and presently retired as Tahsildar, Chatrai Mandal, Krishna District had issued false ST Caste Certificates to the following persons without conducting proper enquiry.

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Hence, the charge.

V.USHARANI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE – III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P. TIRUMALA RAO, FORMER TAHSILDAR, UNGUTURU AND PRESENTLY RETIRED AS TAHSILDAR, CHATRAI MANDAL KRISHNA DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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1. Lr. Dis. No 1150/2015/B1/Lok/6073/2015, dated 02.06.2015 of the Hon'ble Lokayukta for the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, Hyderabad
2. Roc No. C/813/2015, dt. 11.09.2015 and 05.11.2015 of the Tahsildar, Unguturu.
3. Roc No. E-10151/2016/1, dt. 27.06.2016 of the RDO, Eluru
4. Roc No. C3/e-8556/2015 (e0534489), dt. 23.06.2017 of the Chairman & Joint Collector, DLSC, Eluru.
5. File No. COTW-11026/37/2017-AD2-C, dt. 18.12.2017 of the Director of Tribal Welfare, Vijaywada along with enquiry reports of Social status of the claimants.
6. L.R.Dis.No. 1150/2015/B1/LOK/4432/2020. dt. 17.06.2020 of the Institution of Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

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ANNEXURE – IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P. TIRUMALA RAO, FORMER TAHSILDAR, UNGUTURU AND PRESENTLY RETIRED AS TAHSILDAR CHATRAI MANDAL KRISHNA DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

– Nil –

V.USHARANI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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